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5. REACTION TO FAZ HARASSMENT:

A. IN DAYS FOLLOWING MARCH 31, SUB-REGIONAL COMMISSIONER ATTEMPTED TO REASSURE POPULATION. IN ONE SECTION FROM WHICH MANY HAD FLED, HE HELD MEETING WHERE HE WAS INFORMED OF PROBLEMS OF MILITARY. HE GUARANTEED SITUATION WOULD NOT REOCCUR AND SUGGESTED THAT ALL WHO FLED WERE AGAINST GOVERNMENT TO WHICH CROWD RESPONDED WITH LOCAL EQUIVALENT OF BOOS. COMMISSIONER SAID HE HAD PERSONALLY INTERVENED AGAINST MILITARY IN CASE OF MISSIONARY RADIOS. MILITARY HAD PLANNED TO SEIZE ALL RADIOS,

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BUT HE PERSUADED THEM ONLY TO EXERCISE SURVEILLANCE. HE DOWNPLAYED ACTIVITIES OF MILITARY IN VILLAGES, SAYING THEY WERE PROTECTING POPULATION FROM INFILTRATORS. IN OPINION OF SEVERAL PEOPLE, SUB-REGIONAL COMMISSIONER IS BASICALLY GOOD PERSON WHO

HAS TOTALLY LOST CONTROL OF LOCAL SITUATION TO ROTATING GROUPS OF MILITARY LEADERS TURNED LOSE ON TOWN.

B. UNEASY CALM RESTS OVER KAMINA. SOLDIERS ARE EVERYWHERE. ACTIVITIES AT RAILROAD AND BREWERY, TOWN'S BIGGEST EMPLOYERS, CONTINUE IN NEAR NORMAL FASHION, ALTHOUGH BOTH HAVE HAD TO PROVIDE VEHICLES TO MILITARY. SHOPS ARE POORLY STOCKED AND GRADUALLY RUNNING OUT OF SOME GOODS, PARTICULARLY FLOUR. HARASSMENT HAS ALSO REDUCED NUMBER OF VILLAGERS FROM NEARBY COMMUNITIES WILLING TO BRING FRESH PRODUCE INTO TOWN. AFTER DARK STREETS ARE DESERTED EXCEPT FOR OCCASIONALLY PATROLLING SOLDIERS.

C. POPULATION OF KAMINA HAD NOT BEEN GREAT SUPPORTERS OF PRESIDENT BEFORE INVASION, BUT NOT OPENLY HOSTILE. BASIC COMPLAINTS ACCORDING TO SEVERAL WERE ECONOMIC, NOT POLITICAL. PEOPLE WERE UNHAPPY BECAUSE OF HIGH PRICES (MOST COMMONLY CITED WAS PRESENT COST OF 15 ZAIRES FOR A SACK OF FLOUR), LOW WAGES, AND LACK OF GOODS IN SHOPS. ACTIVITIES OF MARCH 31 AND IN FOLLOWING DAYS ADDED POLITICAL DIMENSION. NONE OF NON-OFFICIAL SOURCES HAD KIND WORD FOR GOVERNMENT WHICH PERMITS PRESENT LEVEL OF HARASSMENT.

D. PERHAPS 90 PERCENT OF POPULATION OF KAMINA IS LUBA, MOSTLY FROM SHABA, BUT WITH HIGH PROPORTION OF LUBA-KASAI AMONG RAILWAY AND BREWERY WORKERS. UNLIKE OTHER LUBA AREAS IN SHABA, KAMINA HAD SIDED WITH TSHOMBE IN SECESSION PERIOD. NOT ONLY IS LOCAL POPULATION HEAVILY SYMPATHETIC TO INVADERS, BUT LUBA FROM OTHER PARTS OF SHABA CURRENTLY RESIDING IN KAMINA SAID THEIR PEOPLE ALSO NOW LOOKED TO INVADERS AS OPPORTUNITY TO REPLACE PRESENT GOVERNMENT.

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6. CONCLUSION:

A. KAMINA SEEMS TO PRESENT SITUATION WHERE CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE LOST CONTROL OVER MILITARY AND AT SAME TIME MILITARY LEADERSHIP HAS LOST CONTROL OVER ACTIONS OF SUBORDINATE UNITS. AT PRESENT HARASSMENT IS DIRECTED AT ZAIRIAN POPULATION, BUT MOST OBSERVERS FEEL SITUATION COULD VERY EASILY CHANGE TO INCLUDE WHITES.

B. REGIONAL COMMISSIONER ASSUMANI SEEMS AWARE OF SITUATION AND IS PLANNING TO VISIT KAMINA ON APRIL 16. WHILE HE HAS HAD GREAT SUCCESS IN CURBING MILITARY EXCESSES AND MAINTAINING CALM IN LUBUMBASHI THROUGHOUT INVASION CRISIS, THE SITUATION IN KAMINA IS MORE ALARMING. STRONG ACTIONS WILL BE REQUIRED TO REIMPOSE DISCIPLINE OVER MILITARY. SINCE LOCAL MILITARY LEADERSHIP SEEMS TO CONSIST LARGELY OF REJECTS FROM OTHER AREAS, TASK WILL BE ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT. UNTIL MILITARY

LEADERSHIP IN KINSHASA REALIZES THAT BETTER MILITARY LEADERS  
NEEDED IN KAMINA, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT REGIONAL COMMISSIONER  
ASSUMANI CAN DO MUCH TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS. UNTIL DISCIPLINE  
OVER MILITARY CAN BE REIMPOSED, LIFE IN KAMINA WILL BE INCREAS-  
INGLY DIFFICULT AND SUPPORT FOR THE INVADERS INCREASINGLY  
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